

A VISION OF THE EAST/WEST CORRIDOR IN THE YEAR 2020

The East/West Corridor is **preserved using growth management principals** strengthening Village Centers including Esmond, Greenville, Harmony, Scituate and North Scituate that evoke a Main Street character. **Villages are pedestrian friendly** with sidewalks and crosswalks. The **historic village character is revitalized** through the rehabilitation of existing housing stock, infill development and increases in “good” development density that retains the local scale. The **rural character of this Corridor is maintained** by encouraging density to the village centers.

Route 6 is characterized by economic vitality and **light commercial businesses** that increase the tax base and integrate well with the local character. **Safety improvements** on Route 6 enhance this road both as a local connector and a major Hartford to Providence linkage for commuters and commercial transportation. In Providence, the **Route 6 and 10 merge is redesigned** for a smoother traffic flow. **Congestion on Route 44** is reduced through access management internally connecting shopping areas. All roadways have improved maintenance including regular removal of debris. **Safety is emphasized** through enforcement of speed limits, additional traffic lights at designated intersections, and increased sidewalks and crosswalks enhancing pedestrian usage. Mall intersections are redesigned with left-turn storage lanes to **ease traffic flow**.

Increased public transportation services to the less densely populated areas of the Corridor are provided by RIPTA. **Convenient schedules** complemented by **more Park n’ Rides** have attracted more riders. **Elderly and disabled persons have more access** to the Ride. The Northwest Bike Trail connects these communities to each other and to the Statewide Bicycle Network.

GOALS FOR EAST/WEST CORRIDOR

- ✓ **Retain local village character and rural quality** as part of a regional comprehensive plan with new development designed on a local scale tax-dependent commercial development.
- ✓ **Ease commuting and decrease congestion** through development of viable public transportation options, which includes accessibility to less densely populated communities along the Corridor.
- ✓ **Reduce congestion** on Route 44 by creating interior connections between shopping centers where feasible and reviewing traffic design on Route 44 from 295 to the Connecticut border.
- ✓ **Enhance safety conditions** on Route 6 from Route 295 to the Connecticut border through better road design.
- ✓ **Eliminate traffic confusion** and congestion at merge of Route 6 and 10 in Providence through road design.
- ✓ **Complete the Northwest Bike Trail** to encourage more walking and bicycle trips.
- ✓ **Improve accessibility to the Ride program** for elderly and disabled persons.